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Traffic Safety Reminder

As well as driving on LaRC many employees are active in walking or jogging for exercise. The following are requirements to be followed at LaRC as written in LMI 1700.7.

Posted Speed Limits

- *25 mph, unless otherwise posted
- *10 mph in parking lots and parking areas
- *15 mph when entering the main gates

General Information (Driving)

- * Do not stop immediately after crossing or turning at an intersection.
- * Do not stop or wait for carpool passengers on Langley Boulevard.
- * Contract delivery service is not to stop on Langley Boulevard.
- * Switch to parking lights during hours of darkness when entering LaRC gates.

Pedestrians

- * Cross streets at designated crosswalks.
- * Look both ways before entering crosswalks to make sure there is sufficient time to walk across the street.
- * Do not step in front of an oncoming vehicle assuming the vehicle will stop.
- * Pedestrians have the right of way after they stop, look and enter in the crosswalks.

Joggers

- * Observe the same precautions as described for pedestrians.
- * Restrict jogging to sidewalks or road shoulders (where present).
- * Face oncoming traffic.
- * Limit groups to three or less in single file.
- * Jog, during duty hours, in approved West area of LaRC as defined in LaRC Safety Alert, SA-10-92, dated July 30, 1992, and in the East area via Langley Boulevard, Reid Street, Marvin Street, and Durand Street.
- * LaRC Safety Alert, SA-10-92, is posted on Langley Fitness Center bulletin boards.

New/Transfer Employee Safety Orientation

Recently we have had a number of transfers from one facility to another. Even though these individuals may have been on site for years, the Facility Safety Heads should review basic safety procedures for their new facility. The following topics are some of which should be reviewed:

Safety

1. Review hazardous elements specific to the job (chemicals; discuss the exposure

- potential and effects of overexposure, extreme heat, machinery, etc.) including the Hazard Communication Program and use of the MSDS.
2. Review engineering controls designed into operation (guards, exhaust, ventilation, hoists, lifts, etc.).
 3. Review administrative controls in effect (limited exposure time, rotating jobs, distance from operation, etc.).
 4. Review applicable safe work procedures (proper lifting technique, two-man jobs, etc.).
 5. Review use of personal protective equipment required (explain why equipment is needed).
 6. Review the LaRC Safety Manual.
 7. Review the Red Tag System, (If located in an new facility you must have your Safety Operators' card changed to reflect authorized areas of certification!).
 8. Review safe operating procedures for equipment employee will be using.

Fire

1. Review evacuation procedures in case of fire or disaster.
2. Identify all fire extinguishers, type of fire to be used on, and review fire extinguisher operation.
3. Identify all fire alarm pull boxes.

Health

1. Identify medical center and services/equipment available.
2. Inform employee of facility person(s) to contact for safety/health questions (Facility Safety Head and Facility Coordinators).
3. Identify emergency response telephone number (dial 911).

Safety Classes Offered

Just a reminder that the following safety training classes are available to be presented for you at your safety meetings.

Confined Spaces (permit required)
Confined Space Awareness
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
Ergonomics (Office or Industrial)
Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)
Heat Stress
Cryogenics
Chemical Safety
General Office Safety

If you would like to setup a class, contact your supervisor and he can schedule by contacting Butch Jones at 48743.